

SENATE BILL 336

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By: **Senator Feldman**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances – Extension**
3 **and Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of extending the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic
5 Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural
6 psychedelic substances; adding a representative of a historically Black college or
7 university in the State to the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force
8 on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Chapter 793 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
11 Section 1 and 2

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Chapter 793 of the Acts of 2024**

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That:

17 (a) (1) In this section, “natural psychedelic substances” includes naturally
18 derived psilocybin, psilocin, dimethyltryptamine, mescaline, and any other substance
19 determined by the Task Force to be a natural psychedelic substance.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) “Natural psychedelic substances” does not include peyote.

2 (b) There is a Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances.

3 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:

4 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who shall be appointed by the
5 President of the Senate;

6 (2) one member of the House of Delegates who shall be appointed by the
7 Speaker of the House;

8 (3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;

9 (4) the Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary’s designee;

10 (5) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary’s designee;

11 (6) the Director of the Maryland Cannabis Administration, or the
12 Director’s designee; and

13 (7) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

14 (i) one representative of the University System of Maryland, the
15 Johns Hopkins University’s Center for Psychedelic and Consciousness Research, or
16 Sheppard Pratt;

17 (ii) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A HISTORICALLY BLACK**
18 **COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE;**

19 (iii) **(III)** one representative of a Native American tribe with experience in
20 the religious and spiritual use of psychedelic substances;

21 ~~(iii)~~ **(IV)** one individual with expertise in behavioral health;

22 ~~(iv)~~ **(V)** one individual with expertise in the treatment of
23 substance use disorders;

24 ~~(v)~~ **(VI)** one individual with expertise in the treatment of chronic
25 pain;

26 ~~(vi)~~ **(VII)** one individual with expertise in psychedelic-assisted
27 psychotherapy;

28 ~~(vii)~~ **(VIII)** one individual with expertise in psychedelic research;

1 ~~(viii)~~ **(IX)** one individual with expertise in access to care in
2 underserved communities;

3 ~~(ix)~~ **(X)** one individual with expertise in drug policy reform;

4 ~~(x)~~ **(XI)** one individual with expertise as a member of law
5 enforcement;

6 ~~(xi)~~ **(XII)** one individual who is a patient with conditions that can be
7 treated with psychedelic substances;

8 ~~(xii)~~ **(XIII)** one individual with experience with the pharmacology of
9 natural psychedelic substances; and

10 ~~(xiii)~~ **(XIV)** one physician with experience with the appropriate use of
11 psychedelic substances and other integrative medical practices.

12 (d) To the extent practicable, the membership of the Task Force shall reflect the
13 socioeconomic, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the State.

14 (e) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

15 (f) The Maryland Cannabis Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

16 (g) A member of the Task Force:

17 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

18 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
19 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

20 (h) The Task Force shall:

21 (1) study:

22 (i) existing laws, policies, and practices relating to the use of natural
23 psychedelic substances;

24 (ii) the best available science and data on public benefits of
25 responsible access to and use of natural psychedelic substances;

26 (iii) opportunities to maximize public benefits of responsible access to
27 and use of natural psychedelic substances;

28 (iv) the best available data on potential risks of access to and use of
29 natural psychedelic substances;

1 (v) opportunities to mitigate potential risks of access to and use of
2 natural psychedelic substances; and

3 (vi) barriers health care practitioners and facilitators may encounter
4 relating to natural psychedelic substances, including barriers relating to insurance,
5 restrictions by licensing and credentialing entities, zoning, advertising, and financial
6 services;

7 (2) make recommendations regarding any changes to State law, policy, and
8 practices needed to create a Maryland Natural Psychedelic Substance Access Program that
9 enables broad, equitable, and affordable access to psychedelic substances, including:

10 (i) permitting requirements, including requirements regarding
11 education and safety;

12 (ii) access to treatment and regulated support; and

13 (iii) production of natural psychedelic substances; and

14 (3) make recommendations to transition from criminalizing conduct
15 involving natural psychedelic substances, including:

16 (i) punishing with civil penalties nonviolent infractions involving
17 the planting, cultivating, purchasing, transporting, distributing, or possessing of or other
18 engagement with natural psychedelic substances;

19 (ii) expunging the records of Marylanders with convictions for
20 nonviolent criminal offenses relating to natural psychedelic substances; and

21 (iii) releasing Marylanders incarcerated for nonviolent criminal
22 offenses relating to natural psychedelic substances.

23 (i) The Task Force may consult with experts and stakeholders in conducting its
24 duties.

25 (j) **(1)** On or before July 31, 2025, the Task Force shall submit a report of its
26 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the
27 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

28 **(2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2026, THE TASK FORCE SHALL**
29 **SUBMIT AN UPDATED REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE**
30 **GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
31 **ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of [2] 3 years and 6 months and, at the end of
3 December 31, [2026] 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General
4 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.